

Washington, DC — The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee today approved legislation including \$6 million for transportation projects in Clackamas County. Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.), a senior member of the Committee, secured the funding as part of a funding package for the nation's highway and transit projects for the next six years.

"I'm pleased the Committee agreed to fund these important Clackamas County projects that will create jobs, ease congestion and improve the livability of our communities," Blumenauer said.

The projects in the transportation funding package approved by the House Committee today for Clackamas County include:

\$3 million for improvements to Lake Road between Clackamas Town Center and Milwaukie Regional Center, a major school route for children.

"We have been working with Congressman Blumenauer to secure funding for Lake Road to help protect the hundreds of students and citizens that walk, bicycle or ride the bus along this busy street," said Milwaukie Mayor Jim Bernard. "This project will help make the area safe for schoolchildren and citizens, leading to a more livable city."

\$3 million for Sunrise Corridor to be used for planning and project development. The Sunrise Corridor will serve the Damascus/Boring area and connect the new community with regional opportunities. This funding will help develop transportation options for the new community and coordinate transportation and land use goals for Clackamas County.

The "Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" (TEA LU) is the much-awaited House version of legislation to reauthorize federal funding for bikes, transit, pedestrian, bridge and highway projects across the country. The Senate approved a similar version earlier this year. The bill is expected to be considered by the full House of Representatives next week and then must be reconciled with the Senate version of the legislation.